

OUR HISTORY

The San Diego Sheriff's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team was formed in 1973, and was comprised of two separate units, the North and East teams.

In those early days, Deputies were issued weapons and gas masks but had to buy most of their other equipment. As the SWAT concept evolved and the team became more organized, the training and equipment also improved. Both the North and East teams eventually merged and formed one unified tactical team. In 1982, the Special Enforcement Detail was formed and became the nucleus of the tactical team that exists today. Training has improved tremendously, and every team member is issued all of their equipment. The weapons systems are state of the art, and SED training is recognized and respected throughout the country. In addition to SED, we also have the Special Response Team (SRT). Everyone assigned to SRT must successfully complete the SWAT academy. After graduation, they become part of our SWAT team that works and trains with SED. As vacancies occur within SED, they are filled by members of SRT. Approximately 200 Deputies (including Reserves) have served in SWAT and SED since 1973. As of 2010, ten former team members have passed away.

PLANNED EVENTS

ANNUAL MEMORIAL RECEPTION

Each year around December 5th, (the date of Lonny Brewer's line-of-duty death), we gather to honor and remember our fallen teammates at a memorial reception.



2007 Honor & Loyalty Reception

5-YEAR REUNION

Every 5 years since the successful 1998 SWAT 25th anniversary reunion, we gather all past and present deputies to share stories, see old friends and remember our history. The 2013 gathering will mark the 40th anniversary of the Sheriff's tactical team.

PERPETUAL MEMORIAL

We are soliciting donations to commission a perpetual memorial to honor all deceased members of SWAT and SED. In conjunction with the annual "Honor & Loyalty" reception to pay our respects to fallen teammates, the perpetual memorial will be a lasting tribute to those men who have passed away. The 54 x 36 inch cast work of art will be permanently displayed at the entryway to the SED office.



Artist concept of memorial casting

TEAM • HONOR • LOYALTY

THE ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT



JOIN T.A.S.E. TODAY!

The pride and strong friendships that were formed working on the Sheriff's elite tactical teams can be enhanced and preserved by the creation of a non-profit fraternal organization.

By developing a members-only database and web site, we'll be able to stay in touch and provide information on planned events, retirements, promotions, family and member health-issues as well as current SED activity.

Join T.A.S.E. and stay connected to our shared tactical team experiences and comradeship.

Lifetime membership fees are just \$100 dollars. Each T.A.S.E. member will receive a membership card and a two-sided Challenge Coin with the T.A.S.E. and SWAT logos. Please mail the completed membership form with a check for \$100.00 made out to *TASE*.



BENEFITS & GOALS

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Access to the membership contact database.
- Access to member-only area of T.A.S.E. website.
- Reduced pricing on T.A.S.E. apparel and gifts.
- Inclusion in annual events such as Summer Social & Memorial Reception.

SHORT-TERM GOALS

- Identify and contact all sworn deputies that have been assigned to SWAT & SED.
- Develop a website offering news, events, member bios, photo galleries and association store.
- Raise money for a permanent memorial plaque that honors all deceased teammates.
- Write the official history of SWAT and SED.
- Coordinate the 40-year Anniversary Reunion (Summer, 2013).

LONG-TERM GOALS

- Sponsor an annual charity fund-raising event.
- Create a searchable and printable database of all photos, news articles and other SWAT & SED documents.
- Produce a large-format book that depicts the history of SWAT & SED in words and pictures.
- Create a T.A.S.E. Foundation to support charitable works.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

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T.A.S.E.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Association of Special Enforcement is a fraternal organization dedicated to honoring, supporting, and maintaining close ties to all sworn personnel who have been assigned to the Sheriff's Tactical Team.